

objective optical system for introducing an optical image of the illuminated object [incorporated
5 in insertion units thereof];

first and second imaging apparatuses having first and second imaging devices for
picking up optical images produced by said first and second endoscopes, respectively, and
outputting first and second signals, respectively;

a video processing unit to which said first and second imaging apparatuses are
10 removably connected [so that they can be disconnected freely] and which processes [a signal] the
first and second signals to produce a standard video signal;

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conce a display means for displaying images of the object according to [an input] the
standard video signal;

15 first and second timing signal generation circuits, respectively incorporated in said
first and second imaging apparatuses, for generating timing signals used to drive said imaging
devices; and first and second phase adjustment circuits for adjusting the phases of the timing
signals so as to compensate [a signal delay] for signal delays occurring over first and second
signal transmission lines to which said first and second imaging devices are linked and over
which a signal is transmitted.

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment corrects certain typographical and grammatical
errors contained in the specification and claims. None of the amendments add new matter to the
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